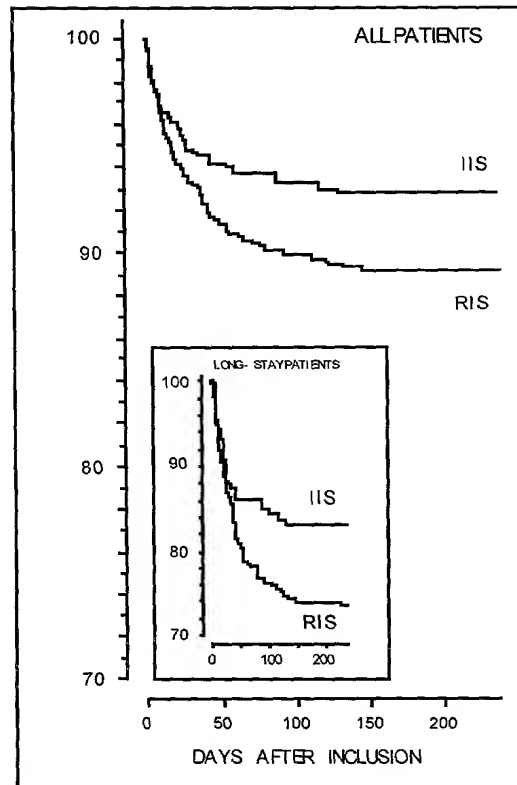


ICU deaths in different strata of first 24h-APACHE II and TISS scores. APACHE denotes Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation. TISS denotes Therapeutic Intervention Scoring System. Filled bars represent deaths in the RIS group and hatched bars the deaths in the IIS group.

Fig. 1



Kaplan-Meier cumulative survival plot for in-hospital survival. The large figure displays results from all patients ( $P = 0.01$ ); the small figure displays long-stay ( $\geq 5$  days) ICU patients only ( $P = 0.018$ ). Bold lines represent the IIS group and thin lines the RIS group. Patients discharged from the hospital were considered survivors.  $P$ -values were obtained by logrank (Mantel-Cox) significance testing.

Fig. 2